GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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EXPORT OF STEEL TO USA
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the export of steel products to USA has declined;

(b) the quantity of steel products exported to USA during 1999-00, 2000-01 and 2001-02;

(c) the names of countries which have imported Indian steel product at constant or increasing trend during these years; and

(d) the reasons for decline in export of steel to USA and steps taken to increase the exports to USA and other countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The quantity of steel products exported to USA during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-02 (April` 01 to Jan.`02) is given in the table below:

Qty: in 000`tons

1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002 (April` 01 to Jan.`02)
724	482	123

(Source DGCI&S)

+ Provisional

(c) Some of the countries, which have imported Indian steel products at constant or increasing trend during these years, are Thailand, Indonesia, Japan, UAE, Belgium, Bangladesh, PR China and Nigeria.

(d) The trade actions imposed on Indian steel exports by USA have been responsible for the decline in the level of exports. On the issue of the imposition of anti dumping duty of 72.49% and countervailing duty of 12.82% on import of Cut-to-Length Carbon Plates from India by the US, the Indian Government has challenged the action and taken the dispute to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of the WTO. The Government has been supporting the cause of Indian exporters by disseminating information pertaining to global trade and WTO-related issues and by taking up the cause of Indian exporters in various anti-dumping and safeguard investigations.